

BICYCLES***Sec. 6-1. Defined.**

For purposes of this chapter, a bicycle is a device upon which any person may ride, propelled by human power through a belt, chain or gears, and having two (2) or three (3) wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement. (Code 1961, § 5.2)

State law reference—Similar provisions, Veh. Code, § 21200.

Sec. 6-2. License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled wholly or in part by muscular power upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the city, without first obtaining from the police department of the city a license for such vehicle. (Code 1961, § 5.2)

Sec. 6-3. Application for, issuance of licenses; scope.

The police department is hereby authorized and directed to issue bicycle licenses upon written application, which licenses, when issued, shall entitle the licensees to operate such bicycles for which such licenses have been issued upon all the streets, alleys and public highways, exclusive of sidewalks, in the city. (Code 1961, § 5.3)

Sec. 6-4. Plates and registration cards; police records.

The city shall provide metallic or plastic license plates and seals, together with registration cards, and isinglass holders therefor, such metallic license plates and registration cards having numbers stamped thereon in numerical order, beginning with Number 1, and the name Belmont stamped thereon. Such metallic or plastic license plates shall be suitable for attachment upon the frames of bicycles, and it shall be the duty of the police department to attach one such metallic or plastic plate to each bicycle frame, and to issue a corresponding registration card to the licensee upon the payment of the license fee

provided for in section 6-8. Such metallic or plastic plate shall remain attached during the existence of such license. The police department shall also keep a record of the date of issue of each license, to whom issued, and the number thereof. (Code 1961, § 5.4)

Sec. 6-5. Reports by dealers.

All persons engaged in the business of buying used or secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a daily report to the police department, giving the name and address of the person from whom each bicycle is purchased, the description of each bicycle purchased, the frame number thereof, and the number of the metallic or plastic license plate found thereon, if any. All persons engaged in the business of selling new or used or secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a daily report to the police department, giving a list of all sales made by such dealers, which list shall include the name and address of each person to whom sold, the kind of bicycle sold, together with a description and frame number thereof, and the number of the metallic or plastic license plate attached thereto, if any. (Code 1961, § 5.5)

Sec. 6-6. Change in ownership.

It shall be the duty of every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle, to report such sale or transfer by returning to the police department the registration card issued to such person as licensee thereof, together with the name and address of the person to whom the bicycle was sold or transferred, and such report shall be made within five (5) days of the sale or transfer. It shall be the duty of the purchaser or transferee of such bicycle to apply for a transfer of registration therefor, within five (5) days of said sale or transfer. (Code 1961, § 5.6)

Sec. 6-7. Tampering with plates, frame numbers, registration cards.

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully or maliciously to remove, destroy, mutilate or

*State law references—Bicycles to obey traffic regulations, Veh. Code, § 21200; municipal authority to regulate, Veh. Code, § 21206.

alter the number of the frame of any bicycle licensed pursuant to this chapter. It shall also be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate, seal or registration card during the time in which such license plate, seal or registration card is operative; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the police department from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found, or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes. (Code 1961, § 5.7)

Sec. 6-8. Fees.

The license fee to be paid for each bicycle shall be one dollar (\$1.00) and shall be paid in advance. A fee of twenty-five cents (\$.25) shall be paid for registration of transfer. All license fees and transfer fees collected under this chapter shall be paid into a revolving fund out of which the expenses of the administration of the provisions of this chapter shall be paid. Any balance after payment of expenses of administration shall be paid into the general fund of the city at the end of each fiscal year. (Code 1961, § 5.8; Ord. No. 514, § 1, 8-13-73)

Sec. 6-9. Carrying more than one person.

Bicycles shall not carry more than one person, except bicycles constructed for more than one person. (Code 1961, § 5.9)

Sec. 6-10. Clinging to moving vehicles.

No rider of a bicycle, while riding the same, shall hold onto any other vehicle while the same is moving upon any public street or highway in the city. (Code 1961, § 5.10)

State law reference—Similar provisions, Veh. Code, § 21203.

Sec. 6-11. Equipment requirements.

(a) No person shall operate a bicycle on a roadway unless it is equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make one braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

(b) No person shall operate on the highway any bicycle equipped with handle bars so raised that the operator must elevate his hands above the level of his shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.

(c) No person shall operate upon any highway a bicycle which has been modified or altered in such a way as to cause the pedal in its lowermost position to be more than twelve (12) inches above the ground.

(d) Every bicycle operated upon any highway during darkness shall be equipped with a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of three hundred (300) feet in front of the bicycle and with a red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the department which shall be visible from a distance of three hundred (300) feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from three hundred (300) feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(e) No person shall operate a bicycle upon any street unless it is equipped with either:

- (1) An amber reflector on each side forward of the center of the bicycle and a red reflector on each side to the rear of the center of the bicycle; or
- (2) An amber reflector mounted on the outside end of each pedal of such bicycle.

Such reflectors shall be visible from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the side when directly in front of lawful lower beams on a motor vehicle and shall be of a type approved by the department. (Code 1961, § 5.11)

State law reference—Similar provisions, Veh. Code, § 21201.

Sec. 6-12. Cooperation with other cities.

The police department of this city shall cooperate and exchange information with the police departments of San Carlos and San Mateo and other nearby cities in respect to the licensing of bicycles to minimize traffic in stolen bicycles. (Code 1961, § 5.12)

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